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Introduction

Dear Friend,

The United States is facing one of the most trying economic times of our history. In an effort to provide relief and begin our recovery, we recently passed H.R. 1, The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, which was signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009. The legislation provides roughly \$800 billion in spending and tax cuts to create or save millions of jobs and to help us through our current crisis.

I believe a well organized and coordinated effort by our state government, community leaders, and local elected officials will allow our region to capitalize on vital resources and to position us for a brighter future once our economy has fully rebounded.

The majority of the funds that will be available have a federal cost share of 100%, meaning that no local entities will have to match the funds provided in the Recovery Act. It is imperative that we move swiftly as the funds will often have time restraints that must be met to fully take advantage of their availability.

This guidebook is intended to provide the local economy and constituency of the 25th congressional district of New York with as much of an advantage as possible in securing funds, meeting our needs, and creating jobs. While many of the processes, policies and procedures are still being established by federal agencies, this guidebook provides as many of the answers as we currently have and where to look for additional information as details become available in the coming weeks. I hope to enable the local governments, community organizations, businesses, and individual constituents of the district to benefit as much as possible from this legislation.

The Recovery Act requires the Executive Branch to maintain a website with details on where the money will be spent and potential funding opportunities. I strongly encourage you to visit www.recovery.gov for information on Recovery funds. Additionally, be sure to visit www.grants.gov and www.ccr.gov to learn how to register your organization as many grant, loan, and contract seekers will be required to be registered.

I hope this guide will prove helpful, and I will continue to lend whatever support and assistance is possible throughout the recovery process. Please do not hesitate to contact my Recovery Coordinator, Jason Chiesa at 315.423.5657 with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,



Daniel B. Maffei

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy:

<http://www.eere.energy.gov/>

Federally Administered Funds

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy:

Several projects will be administered through the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. The projects will include a Biomass Program with funding at the \$800 million level, a Geothermal Technologies program with funding of \$400 million, and a Vehicle Technologies program with funding of \$400 million. A project overview and where to look for additional information as it becomes available is as follows:

Biomass Program:

The Program is designed to help develop biomass products into a cost effective conversion of biomass fuels, chemicals, materials, and power. Additional information on the biomass program is available at <http://www1.eere.energy.gov/biomass/>.

Geothermal Technology:

This program is designed to make geothermal a viable and competitive contributor to our energy supply. Additional information on the Geothermal Technology Program is available at <http://www1.eere.energy.gov/geothermal/>.

Vehicle Technologies:

These funds are designed for programs that will allow for more energy efficient and environmentally friendly forms of highway transportation. Additional information on the Vehicle Program is available at: <http://www1.eere.energy.gov/vehiclesandfuels/>.

Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act allocates \$4.5 billion to the Office of Electric Delivery and Energy Reliability. At this time, there is no additional information as to how the funds will be allocated. Please check their website at www.oe.energy.gov/ for additional information as it becomes available.

Fossil Energy Research and Development:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act allocates \$3.4 billion to the Energy Department's Fossil Energy Organization. These funds place a high priority on clean coal technology. There is no additional information about possible funding opportunities at this point; however, I encourage you to visit their website and continue to look in the future should any opportunities become available:
www.fossil.energy.gov.

State Administered Funds

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant:

This program has been allocated \$3.2 billion dollars by the American recovery and reinvestment act, and this money will be distributed to projects by the State Government. A portion of these funds will be distributed through formula within each state, however at least 60 % of the funding share must be spent in cities and counties not receiving direct formula funding. These funds will be spent at the state's discretion. It is not clear how the state will disperse these funds yet, but you should be able to find more information at the state's recovery website, <http://www.economicrecovery.ny.gov/index.htm>, once it becomes available.

Weatherization Assistance Program:

The weatherization assistance program will be handled through current weatherization assistance providers who are already set up in each county. These funds can be used for fixing or replacing a broken furnace, properly insulating a home, and other projects relative to making a home as energy efficient as possible. To acquire funds you will need to go through the providing agencies' standard application process. Once money has been allocated from the state, it is expected to create jobs and energy efficiency training opportunities for some workers.

New York State's federal share is estimated to be \$404 million. There are income requirements to submit an application, and you should contact the following agencies to find out if you qualify:

ONONDAGA COUNTY
Phone: (315)470-3315

ONTARIO & WAYNE COUNTIES
Phone: (315)483-8761

**MONROE COUNTY (EXCEPT CITY OF
ROCHESTER)**
Phone: (585)340-3393

State Energy Program:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will provide \$3.4 billion additional dollars to the State Energy Program (SEP). States can use these grants towards their priorities in adopting renewable energy and efficiency technologies.

It is currently unclear how New York State will spend these funds, and continuing to check the New York State recovery website, <http://www.economicrecovery.ny.gov/index.htm> should provide access to information as it becomes available.

Small Business Administration

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will provide the Small Business administration with \$720 million in additional funds. The Recovery and Reinvestment Act also makes changes to lending and investment programs so that the SBA can assist more small businesses.

The following are new programs for the SBA to expand its capabilities in assisting small business:

Temporary Fee Reductions and Eliminations:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides the SBA with an \$375 million for temporary fee reductions or eliminations for SBA loans. Most fees will be reduced through September of 2010.

90 Percent Guarantee:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment act will allow the SBA to raise its loan guarantee up to 90 percent for some loans.

Business Stabilization Loans:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment act will create a new SBA business stabilization loan for deferred payment on existing loans of up to \$35,000.00.

Microloans:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment act will provide \$30 million to the SBA to expand the SBA's microloan program. These loans are historically aimed at start ups and are paired with technical assistance, and generally assist low-income individuals, women, and minorities. The program will be administered through September 2010.

Surety Bonds:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment act will provide \$15 million to the SBA to increase guaranteed Surety Bonds from \$2 million to \$5 million. Under specific circumstances, Surety Bonds can be increased up to \$10 million.

For a list of all the SBA programs available, please visit their programs website at the following web address: <http://www.sba.gov/aboutsba/sbaprograms/index.html>

To start the application process, please contact your local SBA office at the following contact information:

Syracuse Office (also covers Cayuga)

Bernard J. Paprocki, District Director

401 South Salina Street, 5th Floor

Syracuse, NY 13202

Phone: (315) 471-9393

<http://www.sba.gov/localresources/district/ny/syracuse/index.html>

Rochester Branch Office (Also Covers Wayne)

100 State Street, Room 410

Rochester, NY 14614

Phone: (585) 263-6700

<http://www.sba.gov/localresources/district/ny/buffalo/index.html>

Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act appropriates \$6.4 billion for water and wastewater infrastructure projects. The majority of the funds will be distributed through the state through preexisting formulas. New York State is expecting to receive roughly \$500 million as its federal share for improving the quality of our sewage treatment and water systems.

Federal Administered Water Funds

Rural Water and Environmental Programs:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Department administers a grant and loan program for water and wastewater infrastructure projects. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will provide the program with \$1.38 billion in funds.

For more information on the USDA Rural Development website at www.rurdev.usda.gov or <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/NY/>

Clean Water Revolving Fund:

New York State should receive roughly \$435 million to invest in Clean Drinking Water projects. This will include installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, storage facilities, and distribution/transmission systems that are in compliance with federal drinking water regulations.

Projects to consolidate water supplies may also have eligibility. There will also be an additional Drinking Water State Revolving Fund of \$85 million set up.

The EPA has the authority to reallocate any un-obligated funds that are not under contract or construction within 12 months.

Contact the following agencies to find out more information on how these funds will be allocated:

EPA Region 2:

Region 2 (All of New York State)

290 Broadway #15-29

New York, NY 10007

Phone: (212) 637-3000

Inquiry@epamail.epa.gov

www.epa.gov/region2/

Flood Prevention Programs

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will provide the USDA with additional funds to rebuild the nation's dam and levee systems. The U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers will receive a significant portion of these funds as well.

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Natural Resource Conservation Service Programs (NRCS):

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will provide NRCS with an additional \$290 million to support NRCS projects. NRCS projects help America's private landowners and managers to conserve soil, water, and natural resources.

NRCS will provide funds to projects that can begin immediately, and guidelines for NRCS projects can be obtained at local USDA offices. Local USDA offices can be contacted at the following offices.

Natural Resources Conservation Service Centers:

Syracuse NRCS

Paul Salon – DC
441S. Salina St.
Syracuse, NY 13202
Phone (315) 477-6535

Lyons Service Center - FO

(Wayne County)
10 Leach Road
Lyons, NY 14489-9798
315-946-9912
Fax: 315-946-5106
William S. Jones - D

Rochester Service Center - FO

(Monroe County)
1200A Scottsville Road, Suite 160
Rochester, NY 14624
585-473-2120

Fax: 585-473-2124

Anwar Karim - DC

Auburn Service Center - FO

(Cayuga County)
7413 County House Road
Auburn, NY 13021-1459
315-253-5471

Fax: 315-252-1900

Kathrine Schor- DC

Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will provide NRCS with \$190 million for the purpose of watershed protection, flood mitigation, water quality improvements, soil erosion, rural water supply, municipal water supply, industrial water supply, irrigation water management, sediment control, fish and wildlife enhancement.

For more information on the program, visit the following website:

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/watershed/index.html>

Emergency Watershed Protection- Floodplain Easement:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will provide an additional \$145 million to restore floodplain easement and to oversee protection for landowners. For additional information on the Emergency Watershed Protection – Floodplain Easement, visit the program’s website at:

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/floodplain/index.html>

Watershed Rehabilitation Program:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will provide an additional \$50 million for the revitalization of deteriorating dams by the NRCS. Funds will only be available for dams that were installed through previous NRCS watershed programs.

For additional information visit the Watershed Rehabilitation Program website:

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/wsrehab/index.html>

Workforce Development Opportunities

Federal Workforce Programs:

Dislocated Workers Assistance National Reserve:

The Office of National Response administers three discretionary grant programs for eligible entities in areas facing high unemployment, poverty, or major economic dislocations. The three are as follows:

National Emergency Grants: Increased funds are available with expanded service capacities for the state and local levels. These limited time funds are for assistance in response to major dislocation events. More information is available at: <http://www.doleta.gov/neg/>

Rapid Response Services: Funds are available for layoffs resulting from imports, natural disasters, and other events, additional information is available at: <http://www.doleta.gov/layoff/workers.cfm>

Trade Adjustment Assistance: Funds are available for assistance to workers who have lost their jobs as a result of shifts of production to foreign countries or due to imports. More information is available at: <http://www.doleta.gov/tradeact/>

YouthBuild Program:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment act will provide New York State with an additional \$50 million for the highly successful Youthbuild program. This program assists youths who are behind in basic skills and primarily focuses on adjudicated youth, youth aging out of foster care, and out-of-school youth. Additional information is available on this program at the following website: http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/youthbuild.cfm

High Growth Job Training Initiative:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment act will provide New York State with an additional \$750 million for the high growth job training initiative. \$500 million of these funds must be spent on research, job training, and labor exchange training to prepare people for fields in health care, energy efficiency, and renewable energy fields.

For additional information as it becomes available, visit the following website:

<http://www.doleta.gov/brg/jobtraininitiative/>

Office of Job Corps:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment act will provide New York State with an additional \$250 million for at risk youth between the ages of 16-24. This program works through a network of campuses and provides career development services.

For additional information as it becomes available, visit the following website:

<http://www.doleta.gov/brg/jobtraininitiative/>

State Workforce Programs

Workforce Development Offices:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment act will provide New York State with an estimated \$174 million for workforce development. These funds will be distributed to local training and employment services by formula. For further information as to how you can obtain benefits from these funds, please visit the New York State Department of Labor website at:

http://www.labor.state.ny.us/workforcenypartners/wfnyp_index.shtm

Or contact your local workforce development at the following contact information:

Onondaga:

<http://www.cnyworks.com/index.php>

Monroe:

<http://www.monroecounty.gov/planning-rochesterworks.php>

Cayuga:

<http://co.cayuga.ny.us/employment/index.html>

Wayne:

<http://www.co.wayne.ny.us/Departments/workdev/workdev.htm>

Senior Community Service Employment Programs:

Formula funding will go to local providers of SCSEP programs, which help place seniors with companies seeking trained, qualified, and reliable workers.

You can find additional information on the program at the U.S. Department of Labor's link at the following website: <http://www.doleta.gov/SENIORS/>

These funds will be distributed to existing county agencies for the aging under existing formulas. The agencies themselves can be contacted at the following contact information:

Monroe County Office of Aging
Monroe Community Hospital
435 East Henrietta Road
Rochester, NY 14620 Phone: 585-753-6548
<http://www.monroecounty.gov/aging-index.php>

Cayuga County Office for the Aging
Nancy Slefka, Director
County Office Building – Basement
160 Genesee Street
Auburn, NY 13021
(315) 253-1226 Fax: (315) 253-1151
<http://www.cayugacounty.us/aging/index.html>

Onondaga County Department of Aging and Youth
Lisa D. Alford, Commissioner
421 Montgomery Street
Syracuse, NY 13202
(315) 435-2362
<http://www.ongov.net/ay/index.html>

Wayne County Department of Aging
1519 Nye Road, Suite 300
Lyons, NY 14489
Phone: 315-946-5624
<http://www.co.wayne.ny.us/Departments/AgeYouth/NYConnects.htm>

New York State Public Welfare Association:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment act will provide New York State with an estimated \$1.2 billion for food stamps. Families and Individuals requiring food stamps, cash assistance, child care, home heating assistance, school meals, and other forms of social service can find more information at the following website: <http://www.nypwa.com/>

These funds will be distributed to existing county agencies for the aging under existing formulas. The agencies themselves can be contacted at the following contact information:

Onondaga County Department of Social Services
John H. Mulroy Civic Center 5th floor
421 Montgomery Street
Syracuse, NY 13202
Phone 1: (315) 435-2928
Fax: (315) 435-3938
Email: <http://www.ongov.net/Contact/email/>
Website: <http://www.ongov.net/dss/index.html>

Monroe County Department of Human Services
111 Westfall Rd.
Rochester, NY
14620
Phone 1: (585) 753-6298
Phone 2: (585) 274-6000
Fax: 585 753-6296
Website: www.monroecounty.gov/hs-family.php

Wayne County Department of Social Services

77 Water St.

PO Box 10

Lyons, NY 14489

Phone: (315)-946-4881

Fax: (315)-946-7626

Website:

www.co.wayne.ny.us/departments/dss/dss.htm

**Cayuga County Human Services, Medicaid
Division**

County Office Building

160 Genesee Street

Auburn New York, 13021-3433

Phone 1: (315) 253-1011

Phone 2: (315) 253-1365

Fax: (315) 253-4960

Website:

<http://www.co.cayuga.ny.us/hhs/humanservices/medicaiddivision.html>

Economic and Community Development

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development

Community Facilities Program:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will provide USDA Rural Development with an additional \$130 million to develop essential community facilities for public use.

Community facilities include:

- Schools
- Libraries
- Childcare
- Hospitals
- Medical clinics
- Assisted living facilities
- Fire and rescue stations
- Police station
- Community centers
- Public buildings
- Transportation

There are three possible financial tools offered through this funding, they are:

- Community Facilities Guaranteed Loan Program
- Community Facilities Direct Loan Program
- Community Facilities Grant Program (maximum grant 75% total project cost)

For additional information, please visit the USDA Rural development website at

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/>

In order to apply for funds, contact your local USDA office at the following contact locations:

USDA Rural Development, Cortland Office

(Covers Onondaga and Cayuga Cty.'s)

1 North Main St., 2nd Floor

Cortland, New York 13045

Phone: (607) 753-9314

Website: www.usda.gov

USDA Rural Development, Canandaigua Office

(Covers Monroe and Wayne Cty.'s)

3037 County Road #10

Canandaigua, New York 14424

Phone: (585)-394-0525 ex:4

Website: www.usda.gov

Rural Utilities Service Broadband Grants and Loans:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will provide Rural Utilities service with \$2.5 billion to develop broadband series in underserved areas. To qualify, 75% of the area being served must be rural and without sufficient access to high-speed broadband. For additional information as it becomes available, please visit the USDA website at <http://www.usda.gov>

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfield's Program

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will provide the EPA Brownfield's Program with an additional \$100 million for Brownfield assessment, cleanup, revolving loans, and environmental job training. For information on each of the available programs, please visit the following website: <http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/pilot.htm>.

For information on how to apply for funds, contact your local EPA office at the following location:

EPA

Region 2
290 Broadway #15-29
New York, NY 10007
Phone: 212-637-3000
Email: Inquiry@epamail.epa.gov

Economic Development Administration (EDA):

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will provide an additional \$150 million to assist in various economic development programs administered by the EDA. The EDA is required to give priority consideration to areas that have experienced sudden and severe economic dislocation. To see if any of the EDA's programs are applicable, please visit their website at <http://www.eda.gov/AboutEDA/Programs.xml>

For additional information on how to apply for these funds, contact your local EDA office at the following contact details:

Harold J. Marshall
620 Erie Boulevard West, Suite 104
Syracuse, NY 13204-2442
T: (315) 448-0938
HMarshall@eda.doc.gov

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development:

<http://www.hud.gov/>

Community Development Block Grants (CDBG):

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will provide \$1 billion for CDBG funds. CDBG is the longest running program within HUD, and the grants can be used for a wide variety of revitalization, economic development, and community facilities projects.

Priority will be given to projects that can award contracts based on bids within 120 days. More information on CDBG is available at the following website:

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/>

For information on how to obtain these funds, please contact your local office at the following locations:

Housing and Urban Development
Syracuse Field Office
128 East Jefferson Street
Syracuse, NY 13202
(315) 477-0616 Fax: (315) 477-0196
www.hud.gov/localoffices.cfm

HUD Buffalo Regional Field Office
Lafayette Court
465 Main Street, 2nd Floor
Buffalo, NY 14203
Phone; (716)-551-5755
<http://www.hud.gov/local/index.cfm?state=ny&topic=offices>

Neighborhood Stabilization Program Grants:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will provide an additional \$2 billion for Neighborhood Stabilization Program Grants. Neighborhood Stabilization Program Grants for rehabilitation, resale, or redevelopment of homes to stabilize neighborhoods and stem the decline of house values.

Communities with a HUD risk score of six or above or with subprime lending issues are eligible for these competitive grants.

For additional details please visit the Neighborhood Stabilization Program website at:

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/neighborhoodspg/>

Home Investment Partnership:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will provide an additional \$2.25 billion to the Home Investment Partnership Program. This program helps state and local agencies, often in partnership with nonprofit groups, with a wide range of activities to build, buy, and rehabilitate affordable housing for rent or home ownership to low income people.

For further information on these funds, please visit the program website at:

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/affordablehousing/programs/home/>

New Financial Tools

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will provide several new tax provisions to help state and local governments with finance tools. Some of these provisions are as follows:

Build America (Tax Credit) Bond:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act creates a new Build America Bond. I encourage you to look for addition information as it becomes available at the websites in the section below.

Recovery Zone Bonds:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act appropriates \$10 Billion in recovery zone economic bonds and \$15 billion in recovery zone facility bonds. Each state will receive a share based on the state's job losses in 2008.

Additional information will be updated as it becomes available at the following websites:

<http://www.irs.gov>

<http://www.ustreas.gov>

New Markets Tax Credit:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides an additional \$5 billion for the New Markets Tax Credit program (NMTC). The NMTC permits taxpayers to receive credit against federal income tax for making qualified equity investments in designated community development entities. Additional information is available at the U.S. Department of the Treasury's program website at:

http://cdfifund.gov/what_we_do/programs_id.asp?programID=5

Law Enforcement Funds

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will provide the Department of Justice with an additional \$4 billion to enhance state, local, and tribal law enforcement. Information on how the Department of Justice will administer these funds is available at the following website:

<http://www.ojp.gov/bja/recoveryact.html>

There are also additional programs detailed below.

U.S. Department of Justice Recovery Funds

COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP):

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will provide CHRP with an additional \$1 billion to create and preserve jobs and to increase community crime prevention efforts.

There is no match requirement for the grant and funds will be based on current entry-level salary and benefits packages. CHRP grants will provide 100 percent funding for entry level salaries for 3 years. There is no limit to the number an agency can request but awards will be limited based on available funding. There is a requirement that all sworn officer positions under this program be retained through state and local budgets after the CHRP funding has been exhausted.

For additional information and to apply for CHRP grants, the application is available online at <http://cops.usdoj.gov>

You can also contact the COPS office response center at 1-800-421-6770.

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG):

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will provide JAG with an additional \$2 billion to allow state and local governments to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system. The procedure for allocations of funds is formula driven and combines population and crime statistics. There is a minimum allocation to ensure that each state receives a share of the funding. In the past, New York State has used JAG funds for the following:

- License Plate Readers;
- Parolees programs that provide substance abuse treatment, case management, employment training and placement, mental health counseling, family assistance, and other services;
- Public defense services with an alternative to incarceration programs;
- Drug Education and Prevention;

- Gang Awareness and Education;
- Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Forces;
- Multi-Jurisdictional Gang Task Forces;
- Anti-Violence Prevention Training;
- DNA Databank;
- Local Crime Analysis Capacity and Training;
- Information and Intelligence Sharing Technology Projects;
- Forensic Crime Scene Training;
- Gun Violence Reduction Programs;
- Family Violence Reduction Programs;
- Prosecution and Defense Enhanced Services;
- Cyber Security and Child Protection Projects.

For additional information, please visit the following New York State Department of Justice website:
<http://criminaljustice.state.ny.us/ofpa/jagmain.htm>

The Edward Byrne Competitive Grant Program:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will provide the Edward Byrne Competitive Grant Program with an additional \$225 million for competitive grants to improve criminal justice, assist crime victims non-monetarily, and youth mentoring programs.

For additional information as it becomes available, please visit the following website:

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bja/recoveryact.html>

Assistance for Rural Law Enforcement to Combat Drug Related Crime:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will provide an additional \$125 million to assist in rural areas to combat drug related crime.

For further details as they become available, please visit the following website:

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bja/recoveryact.html>

Victim Compensation and Assistance:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will provide an additional \$100 million for the Office of Victims of Crime (OVC). OVC supports victim compensation and assistance programs. A total of \$47.5 million will be directed by states to agencies that administer Victims of Crime Assistance (VOCA)-funded crime victim compensation, and an additional \$47.5 million will be directed to state agencies that administer VOCA-funded crime victim assistance programs.

For additional information on State administered VOCA funds, please visit the following website:

<http://www.cvb.state.ny.us/Services/GrantsUnitServices.aspx>

National Field Generated Training, Technical Assistance, and Demonstration Project (NFG):

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will provide an additional \$100 million for an NFG competitive grant program for non-profit organizations or public agencies to focus on improving the capacity of services provided to areas including child abuse, elder abuse, sexual assault, and stalking.

For additional details and to apply, please visit the following website:

<http://www.ojp.gov/ovc/fund/dakit.htm#fy2009tta>

Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program (ICAC):

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will provide an additional \$50 million to the ICAC Task Force Program. This program helps state and local agencies develop strategies and respond to cyber child enticement and child pornography cases. ICAC funds focus on forensic and investigative components, training and technical assistance, victim services, and community education.

To date, the ICAC Task Force has not provided instructions or guidelines for applying for these funds. For additional information on how to obtain funding in the coming weeks, please continue to check the following website:

ICAC Task Force Program: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/recoveryact.html>

Office of Violence Against Women:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will provide an additional \$225 million to help administer justice and improve services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. These funds are to support the state and local agencies, non-profits, and tribal agencies in strengthening their response to violence against women.

For additional details on how to obtain funding, visit the Office of Violence Against Women's website at the following web address:

<http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov>

S.T.O.P (Services – Training – Officers – Prosecutors) Formula Grant:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will provide an additional \$175 million to coordinate and improve the response to violent crimes against women. You can view additional information about the S.T.O.P Program at http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/stop_grant_desc.htm.

For information on how to apply for these funds, please visit the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services' website at the following web address:

<http://criminaljustice.state.ny.us/ofpa/modelprog.htm>

Transitional Housing Grant Program:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will provide an additional \$50 million for the Transitional Housing Assistance grant program. These funds **are to be used** for victim housing that moves individuals into permanent housing. Grants can be awarded to programs that provide housing assistance to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

For additional information on the Traditional Housing Assistance grant program, please visit the following website: http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/thousing_grant_desc.htm

New York State Department of Transportation:

<https://www.nysdot.gov/index>

The New York State Department of Transportation will have funds no later than 21 days from the day the Recovery and Reinvestment act became law, on February 17, 2009. These funds will be required to be spent within 120 days of the date the funding authority receives the federal funds, or the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation will have the authority to redistribute any un-obligated funds to states that have already obligated their entire federal share of funds.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) or Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) projects will receive funds in an expedited manner. It is strongly recommended that local government projects be included in the STIP or TIP process.

Federal Highway Administration laws must be met to be eligible for federal funds. The FHWA Economic Recovery website is a valuable asset for additional information on how the Recovery and Reinvestment act funding can assist local and state agencies. I encourage you to look for additional details at www.fhwa.dot.gov/economicrecovery.

You can contact your Metropolitan Planning Organization at the information below for further information on how to obtain funding:

Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation
Council
James D'Agostino, Director
126 North Salina Street
100 Clinton Square, Suite 100
Syracuse, NY 13202
(315) 422-5716 Fax: (315) 422-7753
www.smtcmpo.org

MPO-Finger Lakes Region
Genesee Transportation Committee
City Place
50 West Main Street, Suite 8112
Rochester, NY 14614
Phone: 585-232-6240
<http://www.gtcmpo.org/Index.htm>

Federal Transportation Programs

U.S Department of Transportation Website: www.dot.gov

National Surface Transportation Grant Program

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act appropriates \$1.5 billion for the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation to administer. This will be a discretionary grant program for a nation surface transportation system, and funds will be available to apply for through September 30, 2011.

These funds are available for projects that will have a significant impact on the nation or a metropolitan area or region. Priorities for this project will be given to projects that can be completed within 3 years.

State and local governments or transit agencies are able to apply for this funding.

The minimum that can be awarded under this program is \$20 million with a maximum of \$300 million, and the minimum requirement can be waived under circumstances for smaller cities.

Complete details for the program are required to be published within 90 days, and if you are considering applying for these funds I encourage you to track developments at www.dot.gov and www.recovery.gov during the upcoming days for updates.

Federal Aviation Administration

www.faa.gov

Facilities and Equipment:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides \$200 million dollars in supplemental funding for infrastructure improvements. This could be used for power systems, air traffic control centers, terminal radar approach control facilities, and navigation and landing equipment.

60 days after enactment, the FAA Administrator is required to establish a process for applying, reviewing, and awarding grants.

To track the updates as they become available, I encourage you to visit www.faa.gov and www.recovery.gov for further information.

Airport Improvement Program:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides provides \$1.1 billion dollars to repair and improve the nations air travel infrastructure. The Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation will administer the funds through a discretionary grant program.

To be eligible for funding, airports must be a part of the National Plan for Integrated Airport Systems. The Secretary is required to award 50% of the funds within 120 days of enactment and award the remaining funds within one year.

To track the updates as they become available, I encourage you to visit www.faa.gov and www.recovery.gov for further information.

Federal Rail Administration:

www.fra.dot.gov

High speed rail Corridors and Intercity Rail:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will provide the Federal Railroad Administration \$8 billion to award discretionary grants for high speed rail and intercity passenger rail projects. These funds will be made available through September 30, 2012.

The Secretary of Transportation will administer this grant program. Priority is given towards intercity rail projects, and details on the application process, procedure, and conditions are required to be produced within 120 days of enactment.

To track the updates as they become available, I encourage you to visit www.fra.dot.gov and www.recovery.gov for further information.

Federal Transit Administration

Capital Investment Grants (New Starts Program):

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will provide \$750 million in discretionary grants for the new starts program, designed to be a financial resource for supporting locally planned and implemented transit investments. This can be used for anything from heavy to light rail, or from commuter rail to bus transportation.

To track the updates as they become available, I encourage you to visit www.fta.dot.gov and www.recovery.gov for further information

Energy Consumption & Greenhouse Emissions reduction program:

No details have been published on this program. To track the updates as they become available, I encourage you to visit www.fta.dot.gov and www.recovery.gov for further information.